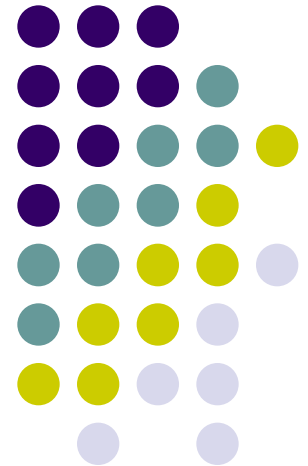


Academic Integrity

What it is

How plagiarism is detected

How you can avoid violations



Thinking of studying in the U.S.?



Prepare yourself with a short quiz!

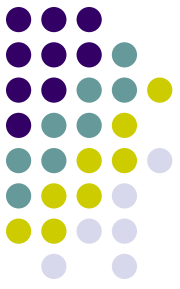
- **True or False:** It is acceptable to share answers to a test with your classmate.
- **True or False:** You are writing a research paper, and find a published book on the same topic. You agree with everything the author says, so it is okay to borrow a few sentences to put in your paper.
- **True or False:** If your friend wrote an essay and received a good grade on it, it is fine if you re-use the essay the following school year and submit it as your own.
- **True or False:** If you find interesting material on the internet, you can use it in a paper and you don't need to give the author any credit, because it is common knowledge available to everyone.

Thinking of studying in the U.S.?



In the U.S., the answer to all of these questions would be **FALSE**.

If you are considering studying in the U.S., then you need to be familiar with the American perspectives on academic integrity.



What is academic integrity?

- Academic integrity is a cultural value on which all American academic communities are based.
- Integrity (правила поведения) is synonymous with honesty.
- Cheating, improper collaboration, plagiarism and fabrication all violate the spirit of academic integrity.



Cheating and Improper Collaboration

- Cheating is “using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, notes, study aids or other devices or materials in any academic exercise.” [\[i\]](#)
- This includes acquiring answers or ideas from any unauthorized source, such as purchasing an essay from someone else or asking someone else to write your essay.

[\[i\] http://www.jmu.edu/honor/wm_library/Printable%20Code-update%205-12-06.htm](http://www.jmu.edu/honor/wm_library/Printable%20Code-update%205-12-06.htm)

How to Avoid Cheating and Improper Collaboration



- Write your essays yourself.
- Do not ask or pay anyone else to write them for you.
- Asking someone to proofread your essay for grammatical errors is okay; having them rewrite it for you is not.



Plagiarism

- Plagiarism is taking the work of another and offering it as one's own without giving credit to that source, whether that material is ***paraphrased*** or ***copied*** in verbatim or near-verbatim form.
- This applies to published **and** unpublished resources: books, magazines, newspapers, etc., material from the web, speeches, or papers written by others.
- Plagiarism also includes not properly citing a resource used when quoting or paraphrasing.



How to Avoid Plagiarism

- If you use any resources (books, periodicals, websites, speeches—anything that you have not personally written or said) then you should cite it.
- Learn more about specific U.S. citation styles at <http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/>
- Even if you are not familiar with the U.S. systems of citation, give credit in your writing. Include the source (the name and author of the book/paper, or the URL for the website).



Fabrication

- Fabrication (выдумка, вымысел) and falsification (фальсификация) are the acts of inventing or changing data for research that has not been shown, read or proven.
- This also includes changing or altering documents and records.



How to Avoid Fabrication

- Do not falsify any of the data or information in your essays.
- Do not falsify or alter any of your references.



Plagiarism Detection

- IREX and Global UGRAD host universities will investigate any and all suspected instances of cheating, improper collaboration, plagiarism, and fabrication.
- Such instances may be identified through the use of plagiarism detection software.



Plagiarism Detection

See the following websites for examples of software that IREX, universities and professors use to detect plagiarism:

- <http://www.plagiarismdetect.com/>
- <http://www.plagiarismchecker.com/>
- <http://www.articlechecker.com/>
- <http://www.checkforplagiarism.net/>
- <http://www.turnitin.com>

How does plagiarism detection software work?



- The software scans the written work which a student has submitted, and cross-references it with works available on the internet and in continuously updated databases.
- The software notifies the user when a phrase or a sentence are the same or very similar to an already-published work.

How does plagiarism detection software work?



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The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a TurnitinUK Originality Report. The report header includes the document title 'Learning_Resources.doc by Anonymous', the processing date and time 'Processed on 29-03-07 1:55 PM BST', the document ID 'ID: 831643', and the word count 'Word Count: 1351'. The overall similarity index is 35%, with options to 'exclude quoted' and 'exclude bibliography'. The report lists four matches:

Match Number	Match Description	Source
1	23% match (student papers from 03/29/07)	Submitted to University of Liverpool
2	4% match (internet from 01/29/04)	http://www.airhigher.ac.uk
3	4% match (internet from 10/01/05)	http://www.physics.liv.ac.uk
4	3% match (internet from 02/15/07)	http://dbweb.liv.ac.uk

The main text of the report is color-coded to show matches with the sources listed on the right. The text is as follows:

The libraries provide about 1,100 study spaces and they are equipped with PC workstations, photocopiers and microfilm reader/printers. The entire stock of the library is included in its online catalogue

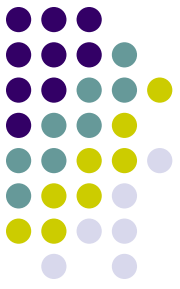
which is available 24 hours a day and can be accessed in the library or via the web. The library is a member of CURL (Consortium of University Research Libraries) and the US-based RLG (Research Libraries Group). The Sydney Jones Library will benefit from a £20 million expansion, to be completed in 2008, which will further improve the excellent library collections and study environments. The library currently has seating for 600 readers and approximately 240 PCs. It houses

the main collections in the Arts and Social Sciences, except for Archaeology, Civic Design, Law and Music, which are housed in departmental libraries in the respective buildings. This library also contains the Special Collections and Archives and the library of the Science Fiction Foundation. The

Harold Cohen Library, with seating for 480 readers and 280 PCs,

contains the main collections in Dentistry, Engineering, Life Sciences, Medicine, Veterinary Science and Mathematics. The main collections in Chemistry and Physics are housed in departmental libraries in the respective buildings. There is also a branch library at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital on the Wirral.

How does plagiarism detection software work?



- If those sentences are not cited, then the software user knows that this is a possible instance of plagiarism.
- The essay is then checked by hand to verify whether or not a citation was made.



Plagiarism Detection

- Plagiarism detection is not limited to software. It can also be found via:
 - A sudden change in the writer's tone
 - A change in the writer's verb tense or voice
 - A sudden increase or decrease in the quality of the writer's language
- Universities and professors are familiar with these types of sudden changes in a student's writing, and if something seems unusual to them, they will investigate for instances of plagiarism.

Questions?



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